To the Inhabitants *of the* City *of* Exeter.

AS the Time advances towards an Election of a Gentleman to repreſent you in the Legiſlative Body of this Kingdom, it requires your Care and Circumſpection to fix upon *One*, the moſt eligible of *Two*, now offering you their Services.

From the *public Promiſes* of theſe Candidates, you might expect either of them would be entirely devoted to the Support of the Conſtitution, by a ſtrict Independance from Miniſterial Influence, regarding as much as poſſible the true Intereſt of this City.

Both theſe Gentlemen are held up to you as Men of reſpectable Characters; --- one as a Country Gentleman, of Family and Fortune, in the Neighbourhood; --- and the other, as a Merchant, reſiding amongſt you.

The Advantages ariſing to a Trading Place from a Commercial Repreſentative, would certainly be a great [redacted], could you make Choice of a Man who hath been known to tranſact his Buſineſs with the true *generous Principle* of the Engliſh Merchant; --- who, from the Poſſeſſion of a ſuperior Fortune, had introduced a Variety of new Branches of Commerce into your Port; --- who never invaded any beaten Tract of his Neighbours; --- who never monopolized one ſingle Branch of the *Woollen Manufacture*; --- who never injured that Buſineſs abroad, by ~~rendering~~ vending the Exports cheaper than others; --- who hath been content to ſee every Man flouriſh in *Exeter*, without infringing on the Priviledge of any Man's Occupation; --- who hath given no Preference to Strangers.

Such a Man would be truly worthy the Notice of you all.—The *Reverſe* would be of real Diſ-ſervice.— You would be heaping *Power* and *Honor* on a Man you ſhould guard againſt.— His Promiſes of Independance are to be queſtioned;— nay, impoſſible to be true.

A *Country Gentleman* is not ſo liable to be biaſſed as a Man in Trade.— He is uncontaminated by the Sweets of Public Money—He is unacquainted with the Emoluments of Contracts—He cannot be ſuppoſed to have half the Attraction from your Intereſt—He is not open to ſo many Temptations, nor ſo ready to catch at lucrative Matters, as a Perſon born and educated in Buſineſs.

Be not led away, then, by a ſuperficial View of a Commercial Man.— Examine ſuch Man's paſt Actions, and let your own Reaſon dictate to you, from [illegible] where is the leaſt Danger, and where the greateſt act.

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